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Earlier this summer, UNI asked you to name your favorite professors on Facebook. Within hours, hundreds of responses were posted – far too many to include here! So in your words, here is a sampling of the teachers who you'll always remember. ■



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Can still quote Dr. Eiklor who I loved listening to, but I have mad respect for Dr. Copeland, too – 20 years later I still remember their words. [Bolton C.](#)



Dr. Mick Mack best professor hands down. [Brett M.](#)



I was a big fan of F Dot Abraham (A-B pause R-A pause H-A pause M... this.is.very.important). [Greg U.](#)



Close the polls – because it is Steve Corbin of the School of Business. [Philip E.](#)



Roy Behrens for sure. [Heath S.](#)



Bob Byrnes, Men's Varsity Glee. [Brad L.](#)



Elaine Kalmar/English, Dr. Robert Clark/geography, Drs. Virginia Hash and Tom Berg/Education – from the 70s! [Barbara S.B.](#)



One of my all-time favorites was Dr. Jeff Tamplin in the biology department! [Meagan M.](#)



I have a list! History dept! [Amelia B.](#)



WOW... you are taking me back many years. Gordon Halverson... he was a tough old guy but a great teacher. [Angela D.R.](#)

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Tied between Aaron Wilson and Tim Dooley. [James G.](#)



Definitely Dr. Bartollas. [Katharina F.](#)



Audrey Smith and Bob Lembke – 1980s Counseling, College of Ed. [Lisa P.M.](#)



I am old so I have to go back a long time to some oldies but goodies and I can't pick just one. Nathan Talbot, Erma Plaehn, Robert Ross, Charles Quirk and Dr. Vajpeyi. [Janet J.F.](#)



Ira Simet ties with Russ Wiley!!! Love them both!! [Carrie B.R.](#)



Dr. Martha Reineke [Shannon B.](#)



David Whitsett. He didn't just teach his class, he taught life lessons. [Mary G.G.](#)



Professor Townsend!!! He made everyone feel welcomed into the classroom and did what he could if you had a question for him! [Heather K.](#)



Paul Siddens!! [Michelle H.K.](#)



Heidi Noonan-Day. [Cody H.](#)



My favorites were, and still are, Elaine Eshbaugh Henninger and Brenda Bass – Family Services Department represent! [Tabatha C.](#)



I'm really dating myself, but Dr. John Eiklor – history and humanities. He was an amazing man! [Justine F.](#)



Carrie Elser and Leigh Martin! I have a great job that I love thanks to their inspiration and hard work. [Anne S.](#)



Ron Abraham – he could get anyone through the CPA exam, LaVerne Andreessen (RIP) and Dr. Tim Lindquist. Go UNI Accounting Department!!! Best decision I ever made in life was moving to Iowa to go to UNI. [Brittany B.T.](#)



FRJE! In the art department. [Pat C.](#)

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# The UNI Traditions Challenge

With the Old Gold yearbooks of UNI only a distant memory, the UNI Traditions Challenge has taken its place in a fun, unique way.

The Traditions Challenge book boasts a plethora of challenges and serves as a personalized yearbook for UNI students. It's a "must-do" list of campus activities that every Panther should participate in before graduation. Traditions in the book include athletic events, musical/theatrical productions, experiencing Main Street, hanging out at the dining center and much more. There are also areas where students can create and record their own traditions. These traditions are a part of our campus' continually-evolving history, making the Traditions Challenge book an integral component of the college experience that encourages school spirit and pride.

The traditions book features a brief history of UNI as well as significant cultural aspects such as the official fight song and alma mater. It provides background on lost traditions like campus dances, Prexy's Pond and SUNI Days, while also educating students on the current campus traditions.

In total, more than 55 traditions are included in the book. Students who achieve all 55 traditions can earn medallions or lapel pins and are honored with a special distinction during their commencement ceremony. Currently, there are more than 6,000 traditions books in circulation among UNI students. The program has been integrated into the curriculum of Cornerstone, NCAA Academic Strategies for Success and other courses. It also has been incorporated into the residence halls and used for hall and house programming.

Check out the entire book at [www.uni.edu/traditions/uni-traditions-challenge](http://www.uni.edu/traditions/uni-traditions-challenge).



## Homecoming 2012



### Friday, Oct. 19

#### Purple Pride Day

Show your UNI spirit by wearing your school colors!

#### Alumni Day on the Links

Pheasant Ridge Golf Course

For tee times, call 319-266-8266

#### Volleyball vs. Indiana State

7 p.m., McLeod Center

#### Pep Rally and Panther Pride Cry Finals

9 p.m., Outside McLeod Center

#### Campaniling

11:45 p.m., Campanile Plaza

### Saturday, Oct. 20

#### Panther Festival

11 a.m.-1 p.m., Corner of College Street and West 23rd Street

Interactive exhibits, murals, inflatable games, food and fun!

#### Alumni House Open for Visitors

11 a.m.-2 p.m., Alumni Association, 1012 West 23rd Street

#### Alumni Hospitality Suite Open House

2-3:30 p.m., Alumni Suite, McLeod Center  
A general gathering space for alumni and friends.  
Cash bar available.

#### Football vs. South Dakota State

4 p.m., UNI-Dome

#### Volleyball vs. Illinois State

7 p.m., McLeod Center







# UNI's TAPP fashion show struts

**F**or the 20th anniversary of UNI's Textiles and Apparel Program (TAPP) annual fashion show, designers looked to the circus for inspiration. The show, "Catwalk to the Big Top," featured apparel designed by students currently enrolled in the program, as well as alumni designs.

Students in TAPP often see this fashion show as the culmination of all of their hard work throughout the year. With modern circus as the theme of the show, featured pieces had to be well-constructed and trend-appropriate in order to make the final cut.

Overall, the designs at the show met the expected whimsy of the circus theme. Rachel Foote, a freshman majoring in textiles and apparel, created a dress made of melted pill bottles. Using unlikely materials presents a fresh look at the forms apparel can take.

The finale of the show featured apparel designs from companies that currently employ TAPP graduates. This included work from individuals at Cabela's, Target, Maurices, Betsey Johnson and Ralph Lauren Polo.

TAPP alumni are held in high regard by those currently involved in textiles and apparel at UNI. Past graduates are often responsible for linking students to internships and employment. Annette Lynch, professor of UNI's Textiles and Apparel Program, spoke highly of the alumni.

"This year we have internships in Hong Kong, L.A., New York City, Minneapolis and other cities, in large part due to our loyal crew of alumni working to help TAPP graduates get a start in the industry," said Lynch. This allows current students to get a foot in the door of the textile and apparel industry, where competition for real-world experience is fierce.

Katie Miller, a senior majoring in textiles and apparel and marketing, is one of the students seizing the connections alumni provide. Next year she will be a quality assurance intern with Cabela's in Hong Kong. For eight weeks, she will visit production factories in China and work toward forecasting fabric needs for the company and the related costs.

Miller made it clear that this chance was a once in a lifetime opportunity. "I knew if I turned it down I would regret it later," she said. This internship made its way to Miller through UNI alumna Melissa Ilg, who is a quality manager for product development for Cabela's.



# into its 20th year





Student intern Kait Juhl, a senior majoring in textiles and apparel, has also benefitted from alumni connections in the industry. UNI alumnus Andrew Pries currently works for the eccentric and quirky designer Betsey Johnson and was able to open the door for the UNI student. Juhl strongly credited the alumni of TAPP for these opportunities.



"They feel for us," Juhl said. "They have faced our struggles and know what kind of industry we are trying to enter. Without the assistance from the alumni, who got my name to the top of the list, I would not have been as fortunate."

The annual fashion show exhibited the hard work students put in to their pieces. This year, the 20th anniversary of the TAPP fashion show gave a special nod to all of the alumni who make an impact on, and off, the catwalk. ■





# Rally in the Valley hits \$500,000+ overall

**T**he 2012 Rally in the Valley was another huge success, raising \$147,000 for the general athletic scholarship fund. Presented by the Panther Scholarship Club (PSC) and the University of Northern Iowa, more than 400 guests attended the "Dinner Auction and Purple Tie Affair" in April at the McLeod Center.

Now in its fourth year, the Rally in the Valley has raised more than \$500,000 overall for the general scholarship fund for UNI student-athletes.

"The main idea for the Rally in the Valley came from a rival school and we thought this was a great piece for our fund drive," said Kerry Dickerson, UNI assistant athletics director of development. "The event has gone on for four years now and Tony DiCecco really deserves the credit for it."

Some notable UNI athletes have benefited from the money raised at the annual UNI Rally in the Valley, including Panther football standout and 2011 FCS first-team All-American Ben Boothby, and UNI women's basketball star and second-team all-MVC conference award winner K.K. Armstrong.

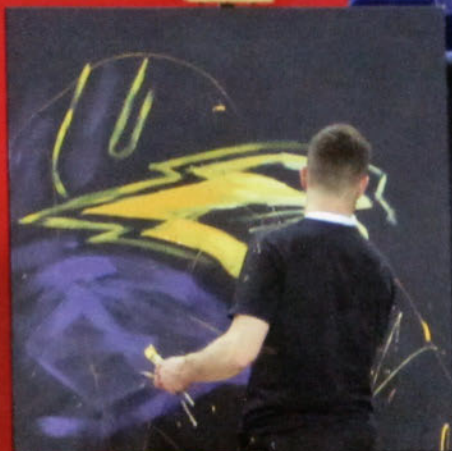
The event included a silent auction of various UNI memorabilia, plus a three-course meal served by UNI student-athletes. While dinner was being served, attendees watched as Kansas City artist Mike Debus created two paintings; a mural of former UNI Panther great Ali Farokhmanesh and a UNI Panthers piece that were later auctioned off.

A live auction followed, with various guest speakers including UNI President Ben Allen, UNI Director of Athletics Troy Dannen and Head Football Coach Mark Farley. Both Armstrong and Boothby also got the chance to share how the PSC donations helped their athletic and academic careers at UNI.

This year's amount raised was an increase over last year and fell just shy of the record \$170,000 raised in 2010. The 2012 Rally in the Valley was another great success for the Panther Scholarship Club, UNI athletics and UNI's student-athletes. ■



Kansas City artist Mike Debus in action painting the two UNI murals





# In a New York nano

## Alumna finds success on the cutting edge of semiconductor research in New York's Tech Valley

**It's that magical moment.** The moment a student opens the door, walks into a new class and sits down – completely unaware they are about to be blown away by how intriguing they find the subject matter; completely unaware this professor is about to change their world.

For Jenah Harris-Jones, B.S. '07, that life-changing moment was the first Introduction to Nanoscience & Nanotechnology class in 2005, taught by Professor Cliff Chancey, now head of UNI's Department of Physics.

"Nanoscience is the future of many industries, including medical sciences, alternative energy, defense and semiconductor manufacturing," said Jones. "One of the most alluring prospects of the course was learning and receiving hands-on experience with instrumentation for materials characterization."

**"The move was high-risk but has proved to yield high rewards."**

Jones knew from the beginning that she was interested in graduate school. As a member of the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program (a program designed to help students from underrepresented segments of society pursue a Ph.D.), she visited graduate colleges across the nation and had the chance to present an original research project at the national level.

"The visits helped me choose the graduate program that suited my needs and the other program participants, faculty and staff were excellent company," said Jones. "I have great memories of studying for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) with my cohorts."

For her graduate work, Jones selected the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering at the University at Albany, State University of New York, featuring the most advanced research complex of its kind at any university in the world.

"I would have to say that my biggest personal challenge was to uproot my husband, daughter and myself and move to New York state, leaving behind our entire support network," said Jones. "The move was high-risk but has proved to yield high rewards."

Now an Advanced Metrology and Failure Analysis Engineer with SEMATECH, a non-profit organization devoted to the global advancement of semiconductor manufacturing, Jones is part of one of America's leading-edge industries.

According to the Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA), semiconductor innovations form the

foundation for America's \$1.1 trillion technology industry, affecting a U.S. workforce of nearly six million people and making semiconductors one of America's top export industries.

"I'm a part of the Mask Blank Defect Reduction for Extreme Ultraviolet (EUV) Lithography Program," shared Jones. "EUV is slated to be the next-generation lithography technique for manufacturing computer microprocessors; however, there are many challenges involved with the implementation of this method, including the production of a defect-free mask blank. My specific responsibilities include locating these defects; determining their shape, size and composition; and tracking trends so that we can determine defect sources and develop mitigation strategies."

Outside of her high-tech job, Jones keeps busy with family duties, running daughter Brianna to gymnastics and activities. Her husband, Ryan, B.A. '06, P.S.M. '08, is a research scientist in analytical development at AMRI Global, a contract research organization in the pharmaceutical industry. "I consider myself very lucky to have such a supportive husband who enjoys cooking and shares the household responsibilities," she said.

Balancing family, academics and career has always been second nature for Jones. She and Ryan met at Hawkeye Community College, while she was a part-time student working on her associate's degree. "He was an ideal study partner," she said. "Which was a convenient excuse to get to know him better!"

They both then transferred to UNI, where Jones began her physics studies with Brianna as a baby. "Studying primarily occurred between classes and at naptime or after bedtime," Jones said. "I could not have achieved success without the support of Ryan and my mentors."

"I enjoy being challenged on a regular basis and research does just that," said Jones. "Each day, I get to come into work and face significant industry issues and use my expertise to help reach a solution, which is extremely gratifying." ■

**"I enjoy being challenged on a regular basis and research does just that."**



## Favorite UNI memories:

- grabbing coffee in Maucker
- annual physics trip to Chicago
- summer undergraduate research programs



Jenah and physics Professor Paul Shand worked together during her undergraduate years at UNI.



# SIR, YES, SIR

**J**ohn Roadcap is not like most professors – and his class is not like most classes at UNI. He's an active Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army and the head of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program on campus. He came to UNI in 2009, directly from active duty in Iraq. The resulting culture shock waves are still being felt across campus.

His job is to turn the average college kid into a competent leader who is directly responsible for the lives of 20 to 40 other people.

To do so, he'll test them constantly. He'll refuse to be impressed, no matter how hard they try. He'll raise the bar every time they get close to reaching it. He'll yank their scholarships and kick them out of the program if they show a lack of moral fortitude.

"I'm no Dr. Phil," he said.

True, agrees Bryce Meier, B.A. '12 and newly-commissioned Second Lieutenant. "He gave us one assignment that really hit home for my whole class. He told us to write a condolence letter to the widow of someone who had been killed under our command – someone with three kids, whose wife was fighting cancer. It was a worst-case scenario."

The assignment was particularly grueling as Meier had attended the funeral of a Waverly classmate killed in action only four months prior. "We could really connect to it," he said.

Roadcap agreed. "It hit the class hard. They wanted to know what do you do? What do you say in that situation? We ended up in a week-long discussion."

The ROTC program began at UNI in 1986 and has since commissioned 434 officers. Overall, UNI's Department of Military Sciences includes seven cadre, or faculty members, and currently serves about 62 cadets, or students. As members of the Panther Battalion, students add physical training four mornings a week and weekly labs to their normal college schedule, plus tactical training exercises. The labs focus on the dynamics and techniques of leadership.

"Being a leader of troops really has higher implications," Meier said. "You're in charge of people's lives. Coming into UNI, I was heavy into getting an A in every class. As I got involved with ROTC, my priorities changed - seeing what actually applies and is important in life compared to all the theory classes."

"That's going to bring a tear to my eye," Roadcap joked. "I do tell them straight A's are not the most important thing in life. What's important are the connections; understanding the material and being able to apply it. I know it's not the standard professor advice, but these kids are so stressed about a letter that means nothing. You're missing the important things – you're missing the seminars, the debates, the lectures. No, they aren't worth any extra credit - go anyway."



## "I'M NO DR. PHIL."







*Panther Battalion for 2011-12*

Courtney Greif, a senior majoring in general studies, based her college choice on UNI's ROTC program. "I transferred colleges to UNI after my deployment to Afghanistan because of the program opportunities. ROTC, along with my other military accomplishments, has changed the route I thought I had for life."

While the program is mentally and physically tough, both Greif and Meier love the challenges. "As seniors, we were constantly mentoring, coaching the younger cadets," said Meier. "It's hard to beat the atmosphere – we studied together, sweated together, trained together."

Greif agreed. "I love meeting new people who are able to help challenge me and motivate my own personal endeavors. ROTC definitely helps do that."

After graduation, the officers are given the choice of active duty in the U.S. Army with a four-year commitment, or part-time duty and a six-year commitment with the Iowa National Guard or U.S. Army Reserve. For UNI ROTC graduates, the split is about 60/40 in favor of part-time duty.

Greif has already made her decision – active duty military intelligence, with a future in the foreign services.

For Meier, the choice is still up in the air. He's working at a business internship this summer, then heading to Virginia for officer training as a quartermaster. But in the back of his mind, active duty is still an option.

Meier is the fifth generation of his family to serve in the military. He and his younger brother both enlisted in 2009.

"It's the best leadership training," said Meier. "College is theory; ROTC is practical. I couldn't see going through school without it." ■



*New second lieutenants are sworn in at UNI's Commissioning Ceremony.*

*Left to right: 2LT Venessa Zuetlau, 2LT Bryce Meier, 2LT Jake Ledvina, 2LT Jason Doelz, 2LT Andrew Brown*



## UNI ROTC receives highest-ever ranking

The ROTC program at the University of Northern Iowa has been ranked second out of 76 schools within its brigade. The brigade covers colleges and universities in 10 states, including large schools in conferences such as the Big Ten. This marks the highest ranking UNI ROTC has received since its formation in 1984. The University of Minnesota Golden Gophers finished first, while Michigan Tech University finished third.

The second-place ranking was based on four main criteria: recruiting, commissioning and graduation rate, leader development and assessment performance, and academics. UNI was selected by G.I. Jobs Magazine as a Military Friendly School for 2011, an honor placing the university in the top 15 percent of schools nationwide doing the most to embrace America's veterans as students.



# A front row seat to the Arctic Winter Games



UNI students Kallie Barnard and Danielle Bakkan at the Arctic Games.

**T**he room is silent, yet filled with spectators. The athletes are intent, focused. The competition begins. The athletes stand straight, clench one hand around a short stick and begin pulling. Their coaches stay nearby, offering encouragement and advice to both competitors as they compete in a show of strength that has tested thousands of Dene warriors before them. This is tradition, pride and athleticism all wrapped into one.

At the Arctic Winter Games, one could say the very heart and soul of the Northern cultures are on display.

Beginning in 1970, the games were created as a circumpolar sports competition for northern and arctic athletes, ages 13 to 24. The games occur every two years with host locations varying between Alaska, Canada and Greenland.

Athletic contingents come from Alaska, Canada's northern provinces and territories, Greenland, Russia and the Sapmi area of northern Scandinavia. More than 1,500 athletes participated in the 2012 Arctic Winter Games in Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada, with thousands more performers, support crews and spectators traveling to the events.

The Arctic Winter Games feature a variety of traditional Inuit and Dene games, those native to Eskimo and northern cultures. They also include more widely-known sports, such as skiing, basketball, snowshoeing, volleyball and skating.

Cultural exchange is a major feature of the games, with performing arts groups and musicians playing a big role in the festivities.

Professor Sam Lankford, in UNI's School of Health, Physical Education and Leisure Services, has enjoyed a front row seat to the games and their benefits since 1993, when he was brought on by the Arctic Winter Games International Committee to assist in measuring the success of the games. The survey instrument he created is still in use today, gathering feedback from athletes and coaches. It has provided the opportunity for Lankford to not only travel back to the games, but also bring UNI students along for an unforgettable hands-on research opportunity.



A traditional Dene game, the Stick Pull is greased with lard.



Opening ceremonies at the 2012 Arctic Winter Games in the Yukon.



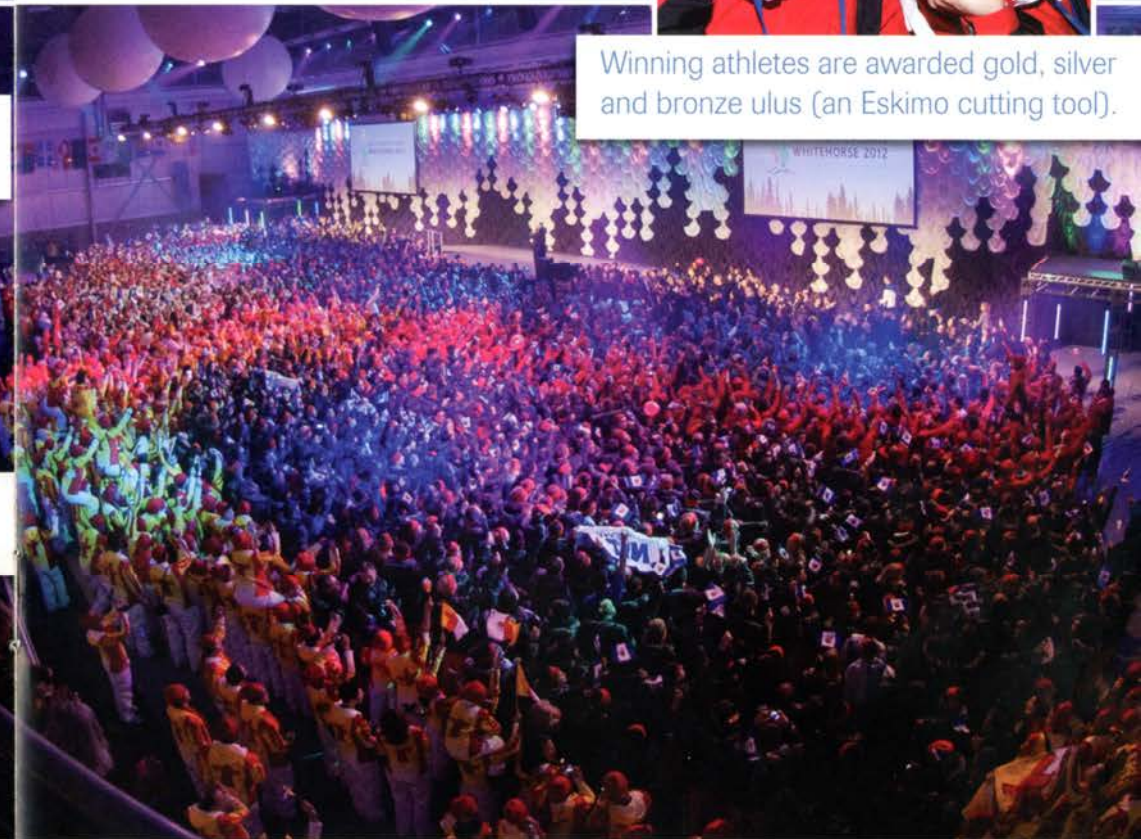
"I think my favorite part of the games were the Opening and Closing Ceremonies," said Danielle Bakkan, UNI graduate assistant majoring in athletics promotions and marketing. "They were very well put together... similar to the Olympics. I also really enjoyed interviewing people from all over the world. It was very interesting to hear their perspectives about the games. As a spectator from the Sapmi team stated, 'It is interesting to see how different people are, but yet we are all still the same.'"

During the games, Lankford and his students were involved in the daily organizational meetings and met with each contingent individually to gather anecdotal feedback. After the games, survey data from each country was sent to UNI for analysis and the creation of final reports for the international committee.

The effects of the games go beyond recreation and into strong personal, social and community benefits, according to Lankford.

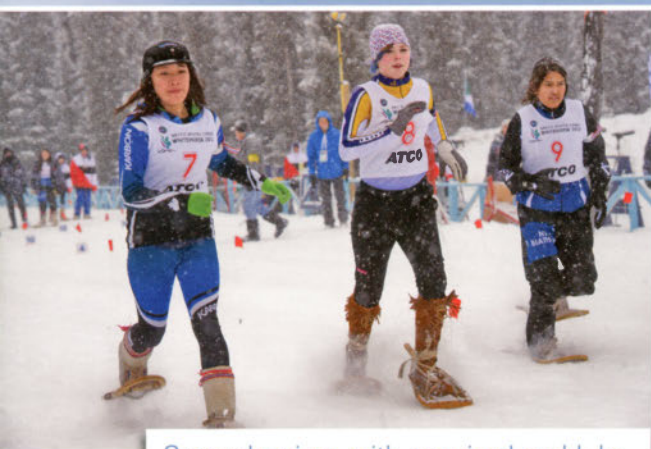


Winning athletes are awarded gold, silver and bronze ulus (an Eskimo cutting tool).



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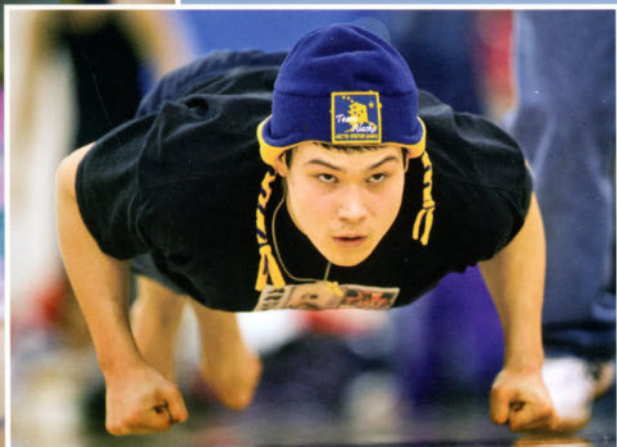




Snowshoeing, with required mukluks, moccasins or kamiks as footwear.



The Two-Foot High Kick's goal is to strike the target (5 feet up) with both feet parallel.



The Knuckle Hop requires players to hop forward, landing on knuckles and toes only. Longest distance wins.

"Alcohol and drug use is off the charts for youth in the arctic regions," said Lankford. "The games create a better healthy lifestyle and address some of the isolation that these people live with." Many of the participants are from small, fly-in-only communities; they face immense isolation and community development challenges.

Survey comments from Arctic Winter Games participants are consistently positive and show encouraging results.

"We need to keep having these games. It helps us remember who we are," said one Alaskan athlete. "I am able to learn about new cultures; it's amazing," an athlete from Nunavik-Quebec said. "We have to be athletic to compete, so youth quit smoking and doing drugs," said an athlete from Nunavut. "The games encourage more connection between the world," an athlete from the Yukon said.

For the UNI students, the games were an eye-opening experience. "I think this opportunity gave me a better understanding and broader perspective about people from different parts of the world," said Bakken. "I had no idea this event even took place, but it may have a direct impact on the emphasis I put on a healthy and active lifestyle for the youth of our country." ■



# UNI Softball – On the rise

**N**ot only have trees and flowers been blooming this spring, but so has the University of Northern Iowa softball squad.

The 2012 Panthers captured the program's first outright Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) regular season championship with a 21-4 league mark. UNI shared a MVC regular season crown in 2000 with Evansville and Creighton.

UNI head coach Ryan Jacobs is in his fifth season at the helm of the Panther program – a program that had gone 17-55 in its three Missouri Valley Conference seasons prior to his arrival.

Panther softball started to turn the corner in the 2009 season when UNI posted a winning mark in league play at 15-11. It was UNI's first winning season in MVC play since that 11-7 mark in 2000 that earned the Panthers a share of the league's regular season title. UNI has not had a losing season in MVC play since 2008 and it's no coincidence that Jacobs has led the charge.

"When we were seeking a new coach, following the 2007 season, the softball program was searching for a reason to be excited for the future," UNI Director of Athletics Troy Dannen said. "What he's done to turn this program around is nothing short of phenomenal. He has been a terrific leader and mentor for the women in the program, while on-field results have given our fans and supporters reason to be enthused. More importantly, he has established a culture and a foundation that will allow not only continued competitive successes, but also enhanced personal growth and development opportunities for our student-athletes."

Jacobs credits the leadership on this year's squad for helping the team achieve the conference title.

"This squad has bought into a team concept," Jacobs said. "But the funny thing is, we don't talk about wins and losses. We talk about getting better day-in and day-out throughout the season. We've had a ton of success this year, but we've also had fun doing it."



**"We've had a ton of success this year, but we've also had fun doing it."**



One of the major highlights of the 2012 season came when the Panthers strung together a 15-game winning streak from March 14 through April 7. The Panthers went from 13-9 overall to 28-9 and received votes in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association top 25 poll.

UNI also won its first 15 MVC games en route to a 21-4 mark. The 21 MVC wins are a school record – beating the previous mark of 16, set just last season.

The Panthers were led on the field by senior shortstop Mackenzie Daigh, from Bucyrus, Kan., and sophomore pitcher Jamie Fisher, from Conrad.

Daigh led the MVC in batting average (.385), hits (70), doubles (18) and total bases (104). Fisher led the conference in earned run average (1.34) and ranked second in victories (20).

Jacobs said the program would not be where it is today without the dedication and effort from this

year's seniors – Hannah Borschel, Mackenzie Daigh, Courtney Dunker, Leah Embrey, Allison Galvin, Jaye Hutcheson, Whitney Plein and Laura Turner.

"I am very proud of this group of seniors," Jacobs said. "They have done a great job of leading this team in so many different ways. Each one of them is very special to this program in their own unique way. Seniors are the 'heartbeat' of the team, and this group has given a lot of life to this program." ■



# UNI I am living the legacy!

## Stout family heritage spans 87 years and seven Panthers

"Eat salt to cure a cough." This quote is one of hundreds collected and edited by Earl J. Stout, B.A. '23, for his book, "Folklore of Iowa." The book, published in 1936, contains folk songs and folklore prevalent in Iowa during the early 1930s and was the inspiration of the first Stout to attend UNI (then known as Iowa State Teachers College).

Earl entered college just as World War I was starting. With no draft in place, each college was directed to select one student to serve in the war effort. Earl was selected and given a grand send-off at the Cedar Falls train station. He returned to college after the war and graduated in 1923, when he became the superintendent of schools in McCallsburg, Iowa. There he instituted one of the first motorized school bus services in the country. He later became the deputy director of overseas services of the American Red Cross.

Don Stout, B.A. '41, was born in McCallsburg while his father, Earl, was the superintendent. Don would eventually follow his father's collegiate path and attend Iowa State Teachers College. He was a member of the ISTC football and track teams, sports editor for the *College Eye* newspaper, and a member of Tri Beta, the honorary biology fraternity. It was on campus that he met his wife, Odessa Redding, while she was working as a soda jerk in the Commons. They enjoyed dancing, canoeing and studying together.

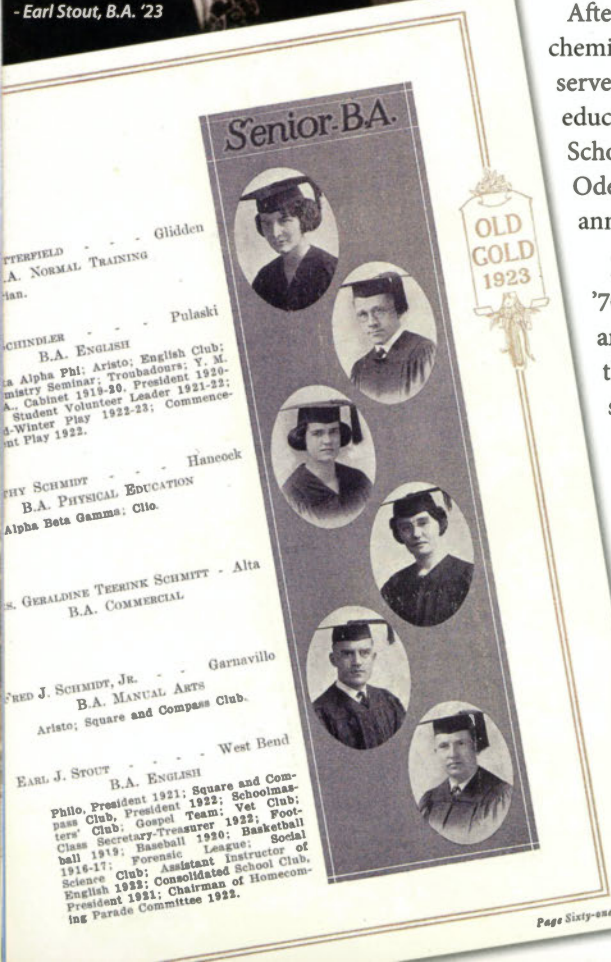
After graduation, Don taught biology and chemistry, earned his Ph.D. and eventually served as executive director of secondary education in the Cedar Rapids Community School District from 1959 to 1986. Don and Odessa recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

Like her parents, Vicki (Stout) Dillon, B.A. '70, met her husband at UNI. "Richard ('69) and I met my first month on campus at the United Campus Christian Fellowship," she said. "That is also where I met Dr. McCauley, who later asked me to become his lab proctor for two biology classes.

"Dr. McCauley and Dr. TePaske made science come alive. They taught by answering my questions with more questions to help me probe the answers. It was through UNI that a fellowship with nature-loving people planted the seeds for my future science-teaching style." After graduation, Vicki taught in the Burlington School District for more than 30 years.



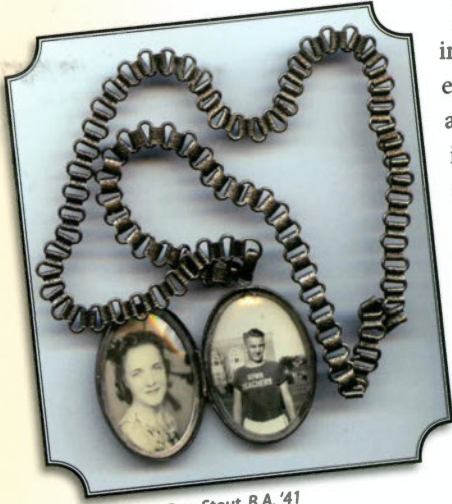
The first Stout at UNI  
- Earl Stout, B.A. '23





**"I love that the university is focused on students, and I love the small campus."**

Another Stout - Vicki's brother, Dick, B.A. '72, M.A. '92, - also attended UNI where he participated in intramural sports and was awarded the coveted "Mr. Legs of UNI" during Homecoming 1969. Both Dick and Vicki traveled to Louisiana and Florida with the UNI Science Department. In fact, they were on a trip together when the first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970. To this day, Vicki says she still gives each of her students a tree to plant on Earth Day.



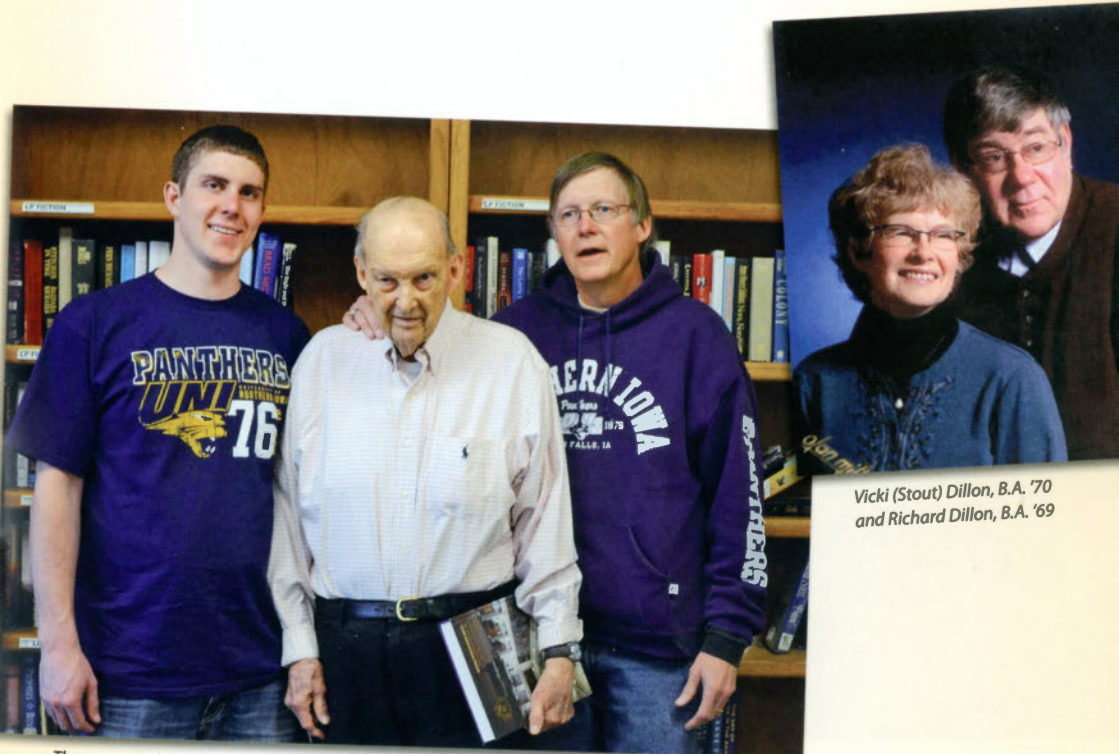
Odessa & Don Stout, B.A. '41

For 35 years, Dick has taught fifth and sixth graders in the Anamosa School District, specializing in science education. He credits part of his success to his professors and UNI's reputation for teaching. "During my job interviews, the interviewers commented on the high quality of teachers that graduate from UNI," he said.

Dick's son, Jeff, graduated from UNI with his B.A. in 2010. Jeff is the first Stout to migrate away from a career in education. "UNI does a great job of preparing teachers...but it is also a wonderful place to learn the skills of many fields," he said. Jeff is a loan officer at a bank in Anamosa. As a student, he was involved in Phi Eta Sigma, an honor society for freshmen. He was also a member of the House Senate system.

"I love that the university is focused on students, and I love the small campus," Jeff said. "It is a Goldilocks university...not too big...not too small...it's just right."

And it has been - just right for four generations of Stouts. ■



Vicki (Stout) Dillon, B.A. '70  
and Richard Dillon, B.A. '69

Three generations of Panthers - Jeff Stout, B.A. '10; Don Stout, B.A. '41; and Dick Stout, B.A. '72, M.A. '92



# Celebrating 50 years of excellence in music education at **Russell Hall**

The UNI School of Music is celebrating 50 years of music-making in its long-time home: Russell Hall.

The original dedication ceremony for the music building was held on May 6, 1962. It featured a performance by the Symphony Orchestra and the A Cappella Choir of the cantata "Blind with Rainbows," with lyrics by English faculty member James Hearst and music by faculty member William Latham. Also included in the ceremony was a march written by Edward Kurtz, former head of the Department of Music.

While the excellence in music education has been consistent since the doors first opened in 1962, Russell Hall has undergone a major transformation in recent years. In 2008, the building reopened after a \$10.2 million renovation. The building includes a number of new features: a chamber music hall, jazz studios, an instrument repair room, two new classrooms and a music technology laboratory. Renovated features include updated studios, classrooms and practice rooms.

Students at UNI continue to refer to Russell Hall as 'the music building,' as it was known back in the sixties.

"Russell Hall has been an important home to our classes, applied lessons, performances, workshops, master classes, rehearsals and more," said School of Music Director John Vallentine. "As we look back into the history of music-making at UNI, the building has allowed our students and faculty to flourish. It is now a state-of-the-art facility, allowing students to learn and perform great music."

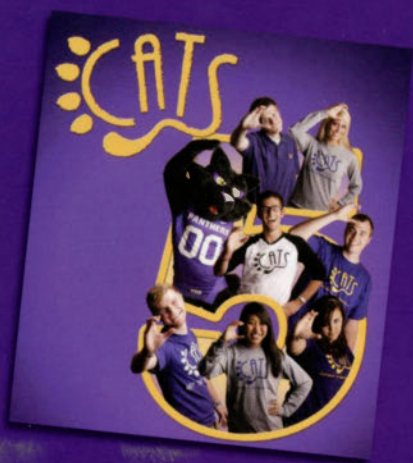
The 50th anniversary of Russell Hall is a milestone in the school's 120 years of development as a leader in music education. ■

**Russell Hall's exterior in 1962**



**Russell Hall in 2012**





# Connecting Alumni To Students

**CATS (Connecting Alumni To Students)** is a volunteer student organization that works in partnership with the UNI Alumni Association. **CATS** members help spread school spirit while supporting UNI's traditions and serving as a link between students, administration and alumni.

Throughout the year, **CATS** takes part in several philanthropic events, including the Polar Bare Run, Walk and Roll, which donates lightly-used clothing to the Salvation Army; and the Beat Hunger campaign in partnership with the Northeast Iowa Food Bank.

In May, **CATS** also welcomed graduates from 1962 back to campus as part of the Golden Graduate Society Reunion. When the program began five years ago, 12 students represented the organization. Today, the group is made up of 50 students.

For more information on the **CATS** program, visit [www.uni.edu/cats](http://www.uni.edu/cats).

# Honor your collegiate experience with **UNI's** class ring

The University of Northern Iowa experience creates a lasting impression on those who choose to learn, live and grow here.

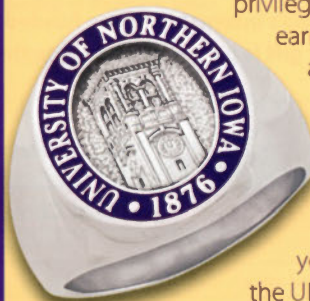
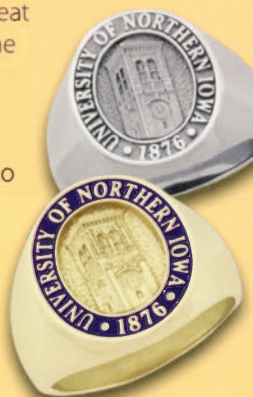
You know that as a Panther. Your personal UNI experience is certainly wrapped around good times and great people. You are a part of the fabric that weaves the rich history and tradition that is UNI. We, as a university, celebrate every person who became a Panther and every success of each individual. It is who we are. It is who you are.

UNI's traditions and values are based on a dedication to providing the highest quality university experience for all students – past, present and future. One of the traditions is the Official Class Ring, which symbolizes the link between all Panthers and the rich traditions of UNI.

To wear the official ring is an honor – a privilege that you have earned. The ring is available exclusively to students and alumni. The ring design will remain unchanged and will forever identify you as a member of the UNI family.

Your journey is filled with great UNI memories and they are cause for celebration and remembrance. You are invited to become part of a proud UNI tradition by wearing the Official Class Ring of the University of Northern Iowa.

For more information, please visit [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com) and select University of Northern Iowa.





# Northern Iowa Energy Corps illuminates energy issues

**E**nvironmental problems are not all about global warming—it's about being efficient and not wasting," says Luke Henson, B.A. '12.

That is the message Henson has been spreading across the campus of the University of Northern Iowa this past year. He helped form the Northern Iowa Energy Corps (NIEC) and served as the first president of the student organization. His impetus came from a class he took with UNI professor William Stigliani, and a book he read, "The Nature of Design."

Modeled after Green Iowa AmeriCorps (GIA), the Northern Iowa Energy Corps promotes energy education and energy efficiency. Members volunteer off campus at GIA weatherization projects, energy audits and education events.

They also provide similar activities on campus such as energy audits for dorm rooms. Henson says, "For instance, we use a watt meter to show students the difference they can make by turning off TV's and unplugging cell phones."



Henson prepared a slide show that he and other members present in residence halls, in classrooms and at events. The presentation focuses on the energy efficiency of light bulbs. In addition, members have created a brochure explaining NIEC, hosted table displays and held a highly-successful clothing exchange.

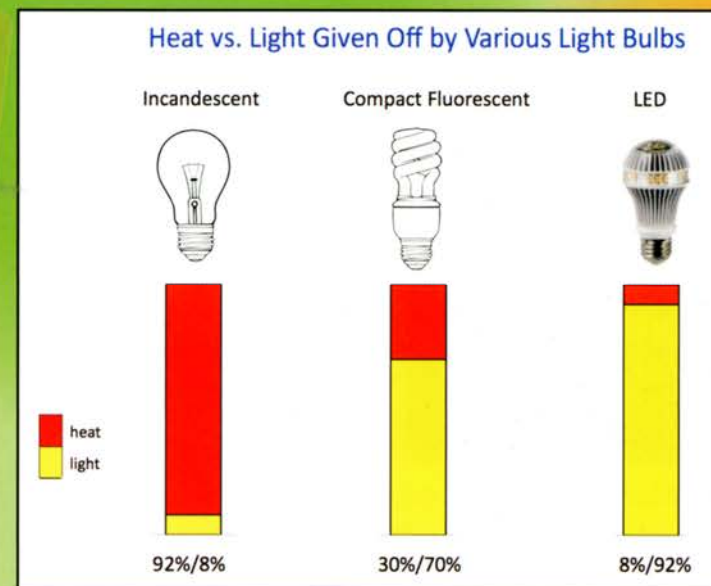
"I was especially excited about the changes we made in the Earth Day celebration," said Henson. "In addition to hosting a booth and the clothing exchange, we joined others in removing invasive plant species, and we potted plants on campus."

Henson said he is pleased with NIEC's accomplishments this year and is excited to hand off the presidency to Victoria Arreola. Henson graduated in May 2012 and looks forward to a career in technology management, where he can use the skills he has honed during this internship. He has always held a deep appreciation for the environment since he grew up in a family that enjoyed hiking, skiing and spending time on the river.

**Henson's and Arreola's internships were funded through the Rick and Lynne Stinchfield Endowed Fund. Their gift is part of the Imagine the Impact campaign for the University of Northern Iowa.**

Cost Comparison			
	Incandescent	CFL	LED
Purchase price	\$2	\$4	\$20
Electricity use	60 W	13 W	9W
Lumens	660	825	900
Lumens/Watt	11	63.5	100
Lifespan	2,000 h	8,000 h	25,000 h
Bulb cost over 10 years	\$22	\$12	\$20
Energy cost over 10 years @ 15¢/kWh	\$197.10	\$42.71	\$29.57
Total cost (bulb + energy)	\$219.10	\$54.71	\$49.57
Comparison based on 6 hours use per day			

Members volunteer off campus at GIA weatherization projects, energy audits and education events.



## Image the Impact Campaign update



**Your gifts** allowed a professor to study aging in Iowa.

**Your gifts** provided an internship for a student to promote energy efficiency.

**Your gifts** have created more than 250 scholarship funds for our students.

**Your gifts** allowed students to present their research at national conferences.

**Your gifts** transformed lives when students studied in Third World countries.

**And your gifts** do so much more to support our students and this great university.

To learn more about the Imagine the Impact Campaign, visit [uni-foundation.org](http://uni-foundation.org).

# THANK YOU!



# Living alone *VS* living lonely

## Professorship supports study on aging and careers in gerontology

**A**bout 10 years ago, Elaine Eshbaugh's grandfather passed away after a lengthy chronic illness. This left her grandmother living alone for the first time in her life. "I assumed that my grandmother would be socially isolated as a new widow, and I vowed that I would call her often to check in," said Eshbaugh.

However, Eshbaugh's grandma was rarely home to take her calls. Often, she was out with friends, pursuing hobbies and attending social events. Although she was grieving, she enjoyed her newfound freedom and appreciated the independence she suddenly had after caregiving for so many years.

Friends are more important for older women living alone than family.

Eshbaugh explained, "I felt a sense of relief (and self-pity) one evening when Grandma said over the phone, 'Honey, I have to get going here. The girls are waiting. What are you doing home on a Saturday night?'"

"My grandma's adjustment to living alone did not fit with the research I was reading as a doctoral student. So, I set out to study depression, loneliness and social support among women who were 65 or older and living alone, mostly widows," said Eshbaugh, associate professor in UNI's School of Applied Human Sciences and the Adele Whitenack Davis Professor of Gerontology.

Adele Whitenack Davis and her husband, T. Wayne, were active members of the Cedar Valley community and advocates for UNI. The Davis' daughters, Sherry Davis Kleinman of Pacific Palisades, Calif., and Susan Davis of Sag Harbor, N.Y., gave the gift in memory of their mother.

"Having watched the aging of our parents (and knowing we are not far behind), it was apparent to us how important it is to study aging," said Kleinman. "We are so happy that we were able to create the gerontology chair in our mother's name to help educate today's students on the many opportunities that await them in the field."

Eshbaugh was named the Adele Whitenack Davis Professor of Gerontology in 2010, and thanks to the Davis family's generosity, she continues in that position. Eshbaugh said, "Our ultimate goal is to improve the lives of older Iowans by educating professionals in the field and conducting research. We can do this more effectively because of the Davis' funds."

Eshbaugh became fascinated with the different perceptions of living alone. One woman missed her husband, but enjoyed eating cereal for dinner every evening.

"Our ultimate goal is to improve the lives of older Iowans."

Another woman said she loathed the quiet of her home and left three televisions on to avoid the solitude.

Another finding of the study was that friends are more important for older women living alone than family. Women say friends understand them in a way that their families, even if well-meaning, never could.

"I have also been able to study college students and their perceptions of older adults as it relates to careers in aging," said Eshbaugh.

Findings from that study indicate a lack of awareness for students rather than lack of interest in the field. Students seem to be unaware of the demographic changes in society that will lead to demand for professionals in aging. Also, a lack of comfort with death and dying may contribute to young people's reluctance to pursue careers in aging.

UNI's gerontology program began in 2002 and is the only bachelor's degree program of its kind in Iowa. ■



UNI's gerontology program began in 2002

## Iowa Stats on Aging

(from Iowa Department on Aging – 2011)

Iowa ranks **3<sup>rd</sup>** in the nation in centenarians (people in their 100s)

Iowa is among the top **10** states in proportion of citizens over the age of 65.

Only **3** of Iowa's 99 counties have a larger percentage of individuals under the age of five than older than age 65.

More than **14** percent of Iowa's total population is 65 or older.

Iowa has more than **600** people who are 100 or older, and more than 100 people who are 105 or older.



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**W**hen you think of your time at UNI, what comes to mind first?

Perhaps you remember a favorite professor who inspired you, who drove you to be a better student - someone whose lessons you still draw upon well after your graduation. Maybe an event like Homecoming, a Panther athletic team, or a special UNI tradition you continue with friends and family keeps you connected to the university. Or it could be that your strongest memories revolve around the meeting of your spouse or the lifelong friends and relationships you made while you roamed the dorms, classrooms and places of the Cedar Valley.

Whatever memories you have of UNI, those memories are a part of a larger experience that bonds all UNI alumni together. The people, places and events that make up our UNI memories have helped shape each of us into who we are today.

With everyone's ever-busy lives and schedules, I hope this issue of the UNI Today will make you think of that favorite professor, bring you back to Cedar Falls for Homecoming, or spur you to call that friend you haven't talked to in awhile and relive some of your college memories.

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**Purple**  
**for Life**

## Go Panthers!

Justin Bierman '99, Chairman  
University of Northern Iowa Alumni Association Board of Directors



# Class Notes

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## 1940s

**'47 Lois (Rammelsberg) Bienlien, 2-yr Cert., BA '58**, Davenport, retired after 50+ years in education teaching K-8 and special education.

## 1950s

**'50 Ted Herbst, BA**, Germantown, WI, is retired and loving life.

**'51 Milt Mikesch, BA, MA '55**, Waterloo, a WWII veteran, retired professional musician and school band director, was inducted into the UNI School of Music Jazz Hall of Fame April 2012. He is currently a member of the UNI New Horizons Band and conducts the Northeast Iowa Community Band.

**'52 Milton Forbes, BA, MA '53**, Glenwood, earned a PhD in marine biology from Florida State University in 1962 and is retired from the University of the Virgin Islands. He and spouse Marcia (Boyer) Forbes, 2-yr Cert. '52, moved to their acreage 16 years ago, and have four children, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

**'53 Ray Holtz, BA, MA '60**, Ashland, OR, is performing in two concert bands: a German band as euphonist, and a 17-piece big band jazz ensemble he formed as director and lead trumpet player.

**'56 Judy Boston, BA**, Sun City West, AZ, majored in speech therapy and elementary education. She taught for the Dept. of Defense in England, Puerto Rico and Germany, as well as Rochester, NY, and Atlanta, GA. She is now retired in Sun City West, AZ.

**'56 Lee Thomson, BA, MA '59**, Cedar Falls, had a lounge space in UNI's Industrial Technology Center named in his honor due to his continuing contributions to the institution.

**'57 Janet (Pattee) Chu, BA**, Boulder, CO, published a book, "Butterflies of the Colorado Front Range." She also received the Daily Commerce Pacesetter Award for accomplishments in the environment.

## 1960s

**'60 Julia Evans, BA, MA '76**, Palmetto, FL, moved permanently to Florida, just south of Tampa.

🌻 **'60 Connie Speake, BA**, Chicago, IL, professor emeritus, Northeastern Illinois University, retired in Dec. 2005 after teaching 45 years. She then went to Armenia for 3 1/2 years as a Peace Corps volunteer. She participated in a Road Scholar Elderhostel program studying Frank Lloyd Wright's Falling Waters in April 2012. She enjoys playing piano and gardening.

**'60 Dan Staggs, BA**, Ottumwa, retired from teaching high school PE in Oct. 1997. He started a tennis program at Ottumwa High in 1964 and was head tennis coach until 2009. He will retire from coaching in 2012.

**'61 David Dierks, BA**, Springfield, IL, retired from 20 years of teaching in Iowa and California, and 17 years as an administrator for the State of Illinois Department of Alcohol and Substance Abuse. He retired to join his wife, Jo, at their home in Springfield, IL. He is now 74 and cherishes memories of his time in Cedar Falls.

🌻 **'61 Joanne (Nelson) Lane, BA**, Waterloo, was appointed to the Early Childhood Iowa Board.

**'61 Patsy (Hollingsworth) Larson, BA**, Green Valley, AZ, retired and has been married to husband Paul for 50 years.

**'61 Monte McCunniff, BA**, Cedar Falls, is a proud graduate from ISTC and credits Leonard Keefe for calling State Farm Insurance and telling them that they ought to hire him. In March 2012, Monte will celebrate his 50th anniversary of operating his own agency in Cedar Falls. Monte is married to **Sonia, BA '60**, has three children and three grandchildren. His son **Brad (Marketing, BA '89)** helps Monte run his agency.

**'61 Gary Stokes, BA**, Prescott, AZ, published a book, "Poise: A Warrior's Guide." He is a coach to leaders of large-scale change in government and business. Mary Morris is his wife and collaborator.

**'63 Steve Holbrook, BA**, Dumfries, VA, retired and is spending time traveling and visiting his two daughters and four grandchildren.

**'64 Bill Bonnstetter, BA, MA '69**, Scottsdale, AZ, is owner and chairman of the board at Target Training International Performance Systems, Ltd.

**'64 Elizabeth (Wade) Carlin, BA**, Ogden, UT, retired from teaching 5/31/2011.

**'65 Joyce (Riebhoff) Rath, BA**, Sumner, is enjoying spending winters in Englewood, FL, and the rest of the year in Iowa since husband Rich retired from banking in 2010.

## UNI alumna sworn in as first U.S. woman Ambassador to India



University of Northern Iowa alumna 🌻 **Nancy Powell, B.A. '70**, is America's first female Ambassador to India. The Deputy Secretary of State William Burns, at a recent ceremony, swore her in for her new assignment.

Powell has an extensive relationship with India – she was a diplomat there between 1992 and 1995. "I had a wonderful three years in India as consul general in Kolkata and minister-counselor for political affairs in New Delhi," said Powell at her swearing-in ceremony. "I'm anxious to connect with old friends and revisit favorite places, but I'm not focused on reliving the past, I'm looking forward. Looking forward to experiencing first hand the dynamism of India's society, democracy and economy."

A native of Cedar Falls, Powell was born in 1947, and earned a B.A. in history teaching at UNI in 1970. She taught high school social studies in Dayton, Iowa, before joining the Foreign Services as a refugee assistance officer in 1977. Her professional background includes assignments with the Bureau of African Affairs, the International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Bureau, National Intelligence Council and more.

Powell most recently served as the director general of the Foreign Service and director of human resources in Washington, D.C. Earlier in her career, Powell was the U.S. Ambassador to Nepal, Pakistan, Ghana and Uganda.



**'66 Robert Eilenfeldt, BA**, Euless, TX, retired after nearly 40 years in the mattress industry. He is now devoting his efforts to supporting a trade school in Honduras. He visits the trade school twice a year, helping them educate youth in central Honduras.

**'68 Sheri Greenawald, BA**, San Francisco, CA, is director of the Opera Center at the San Francisco Opera. She celebrated 10 years at the San Francisco Opera in May 2012. Sheri will travel to Beijing, China, in Aug. 2012 to participate in "I Sing Beijing" as a guest master artist.

**'68 James Lentzkow, BA**, Glendale, AZ, commuted from Independence and worked nearly full time, while attending UNI. He went back into the Air Force and flew fighters for 20 years before retiring. James still teaches fledgling fighter pilots academics and trains as a contractor.

**'69 Jerry Jensen, BA**, Johnston, retired 6/30/2012 from his position as vice president of commercial real estate at US Bank in Des Moines. He is looking forward to spending more time boating on the Lake of the Ozarks.

**'69 Roger Van Zee, BA**, Cedar Rapids, is a corporate real estate professional with Alliant Energy Corporation. He is enjoying raising a teenager, Arie, a freshman in high school.

## 1970s

**'70 Mireya Bernal-Greco, BA**, and **Dennis Wenthold, BA '72**, Miami, FL, retired after 37 years in teaching and educational administration in Iowa and Florida. They are presently running a business in El Valle, Panama, called Cabans Potosi.

**'70 Lyle Luckow, BA**, Grimes, continues to be an investigator/legal administrator for the Whitfield & Eddy law firm.

**'70 Michael Peitz, BA, MA '72**, Cincinnati, OH, retired 12/31/2011 after 23 years as executive director of the Educational Theatre Association and the International Thespian Society in Cincinnati, OH.

**'72 Gary Andersen, BA**, East Moline, IL, welcomed his fifth grandchild, Emmerson, born 7/15/2011.

**'72 Garry Teigland, BA**, Danville, IL, is forever grateful to Professor Emeritus Dr. Dixon Riggs, who died 4/11/2012. Dixon was Garry's physiology professor at UNI. After the course, Garry became his teaching assistant for the next five years. Garry said he could easily write a book about Dixon's talent in working with students, athletes and all of the future physicians, dentists,

physical therapists and nurses he mentored. He hopes he was half as helpful a mentor for the students Dixon sent to work with Garry in his Parkersburg clinic, as Dixon was for the many students influenced by Dixon's passion for their future.

**'73 Connie (Sander) Peters, BA**, Cedar Falls, retired from Waterloo schools after 34 years in education.

**'73 Julie (Conklin) Rokes, BA**, Dike, retired from education after 30 years in the classroom. Husband **Michael Rokes, BA '75**, retired from John Deere after 37 years. They are looking forward to travel, family and time with grandchildren.

**'74 Brent Muirhead, BA, MA '86**, Alpharetta, GA, published a new book, "Wisdom: Making Good Choices With Imperfect Knowledge."

**'74 Del Shepard, BA**, Urbandale, is the Iowa director of Kaplan University, Urbandale.

**'75 Jennifer (Brooks) Hope, BA**, Cortez, CO, semi-retired since 1991, is a freelance copy editor who most recently edited "The Selected Letters of Elizabeth Stoddard." She is currently working with Dr. Robert Farrell on his "Alien Log" series. She enjoys square dance, exercise classes, Bible study, meditation and gardening. She also works part-time at her rural electric co-op.

**'75 Jeffrey Tower, BA**, Hemet, CA, was inducted into the California Jazz Hall of Fame. He is the youngest member to earn this honor.

**'76 Roger Judas, BA**, and **Jean (Rodman) Judas, BA '77**, Waterloo, will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on 7/16/2012. They are the parents of **Lindsey Judas, BA '07, MACC '08**, and Brandon Judas.

**'76 Pat (Joachim) Kitzman, BA**, Oskaloosa, is director of career services at Central College, Pella, where she has completed 25 years of service.

**'76 Merlin Nuss, BA**, Shawnee Mission, KS, is VP change manager for Bank of America. He will be teaching project management as a volunteer adjunct professor at the School of Graduate Studies at MidAmerica Nazarene University in Olathe, KS, fall 2012.

**'78 Patricia (Mineart) Leistikow, BA**, Deer River, MN, is CFO at Itasca Community College Northeast Higher Education District.

## 1980s

**'80 Richard Admire, BA**, Sergeant Bluff, was inducted into the Iowa High School Baseball

Coaches Hall of Fame 1/21/2012. Rick is a high school business education teacher and head coach for baseball and golf at Sgt. Bluff-Luton High School.

**'80 Howard Lyon, BA**, ran for the Republican nomination of the Iowa House of Representatives, District 59 in June.

**'82 Steven Fink, BA**, Columbia, SC, was promoted to assistant athletics director/media relations at the University of South Carolina.

**'82 Lora (Wypich) Kander, BA**, South Sioux City, NE, celebrated 10 years in business as Katch-A-Kup Coffee Shop.

**'83 Michael Ammann, BA**, Urbandale, is director of sales for Eldorado National – California Thor Industries Commercial Business Division.

**'83 Russ Minick, BA**, Charlotte, NC, joined Generac in Aug. 2011 as executive vice president of residential products. Generac manufactures portable RV, residential, commercial and industrial generators.

**'83 Brian Moore, BA**, Windsor, CO, is an occupational health and safety specialist for Platte River Power Authority.

**'84 Laurie (Albert) Albert Conner, BA**, Urbandale, is CEO of Mercy West-Lakes in West Des Moines and vice president of Mercy Health Network.

**'85 Shellie Pfohl, BA**, Durham, NC, received the William G. Anderson Award from the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. The award recognizes nationally-known persons who have made significant contributions to the profession. Shellie currently serves as the executive director of the President's Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition.

**'86 Patricia Niles, BA**, Dahlonega, GA, was appointed vice president for academic affairs at North Georgia College & State University. She has been serving in this capacity on a temporary basis since May 2010. She joined the North Georgia administration in 2008 as associate vice president for academic affairs. Prior to joining the faculty at North Georgia, she worked at the Mississippi University for Women, where she served as the acting dean of the university's College of Arts and Sciences and as associate vice president for academic affairs.

**'87 Carl Boyd, BA**, Chicago, IL, is a lawyer with Starks & Boyd. He will continue to practice law until 12/12/2012, when he will become the 2nd Judicial Subcircuit Judge in Chicago, IL.



## Reliving the 60s

In Feb., **Dave Montgomery, B.A. '61**, and his wife, Jean, hosted six members of Tau Kappa Epsilon social fraternity from the sixties for a reunion in Arizona. In attendance were: **Ron Krumm, B.A. '62**; **Dave Lamb, B.A. '61**; **Bob Jefferson, B.A. '61, M.A. '63**; **Arnie Schager B.A. '60**; and **Dave Stanard, B.A. '61, M.A. '64**.

They had a great time and plan to gather again next year, March 5-7, 2013. Other fraternity brothers are welcome to join them and can contact Dave and Judy Stanard at [jdstanard@gmail.com](mailto:jdstanard@gmail.com) for details.



**'87 Terry Buenzow, BA**, Hawkeye, managed the Winneshiek County recycling program for 12 years. He also does waste reduction education for the Winneshiek Area Solid Waste Agency, which includes Clayton and Howard counties in Iowa and Fillmore County in Minnesota.

**'87 Joyce (Kuhn) Pingel, BA**, Runnells, is the VP-information technology at Kum & Go headquarters.

**'88 Kristy (Carpenter) Samuelson, BA**, Fort Dodge, teaches second grade at Prairie Valley Elementary in Farnhamville.

**'88 Donald Snyder, BA**, retired and moved to Springfield, MO.

**'89 Kimberly (Lex) Hermesen, BA**, New Vienna, was named a Distinguished Principal by the National Catholic Education Association. Twelve school principals across the country received this award in April 2012 in Boston, MA. Kim is the founding principal of Mazzuchelli Catholic Middle School in Dubuque.

## 1990s

**'90 David LeCompte, BA**, Whitefish, MT, is President/CEO of Short's Travel Management. He has now expanded from his Waterloo office to his current domicile in Whitefish, MT.

**'90 Michael Lockert, BA**, Bessemer, AL, has been with Automatic Data Processing, Inc. for more than 12 years, with the last five as director of sales. His team covers Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and the Florida Panhandle. ADP is one of only three AAA-rated companies in the country. Mike has garnered President's Club and Pacesetter honors along with the Pewter Award from ADP.

**'91 Kathleen Fowle, BA**, York, ME, released her fifth full album out of Nashville, TN, in fall 2011, entitled, "Coming Home." This new inspirational release was produced by Kathleen. One song is co-arranged by Christopher Yuk. The project contains much of what Kathleen learned at UNI's School of Music: winds, strings, voices and some thinking outside the box. Kathleen remains thankful for the scholarship that allowed her to attend UNI.

**'91 Margi (Toillion) Steffensmeier, BA**, Farmington, has a son, Harlan, born 1/20/2000; daughter Elizabeth, born 10/2/2001; daughter Isabella, born 4/24/2004; and daughters Abigail and Brianna, born 12/21/2008. She retired from the U.S. Army 9/1/2011 after serving 20+ years.

**'91 Richard Thomas, BS**, Westlake, OH, was appointed chairman of the board of Lakeshore Community Credit Union in Avon Lake, OH. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Glastonbury Builders of Newark, OH, as well as secretary of the Cleveland Lakefront Development Corporation, headquartered in Cleveland.

**'92 Steve Neighbors, BA**, Reno, NV, transitioned from a 19-year career in commercial real estate finance and investments to entrepreneur and started a new frozen yogurt and custard business called Yogurt Beach.

**'92 Jim Reidy, BA**, Cedar Falls, is a software technical trainer for CBE Group, Waterloo.

**'93 Dan Callahan, BA**, Marion, is president of the Cedar Rapids Budget Car & Truck Rental.

**'93 Stephanie (Bell) Eckhardt, BA**, Davenport, is currently serving on the UNI Parent Association board.

**'93 Phillip Luebke, BA**, Bozeman, MT, is employed as a development communications officer with the Montana State University Foundation.

**'93 Vicki (Winter) Novak, BA**, West Union, moved from Gilbert, AZ, to West Union. She accepted a position as a family practice physician assistant with Gundersen Clinic in West Union. On 1/1/2012, she and husband Greg Novak became the owners and operators of the West Union Country Club.

**'93 Tina (Jepsen) Pritchett, BA**, Granger, is a mail document management supervisor for EquiTrust Life Insurance company in West Des Moines. She has a 10-year-old son, Cale.

**'94 Chris Denison, MA**, Cedar Falls, received the Horace Moody Award for outstanding commitment to student development at the 2012 National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association Conference.

**'94 Dawn (Dierks) Luna, BA**, Davenport, a chemistry/marketing major, was promoted to corporate field trainer for Amgen, Inc. She oversees 100 pharmaceutical sales representatives and 15 sales managers in 10 states.

**'94 Jeffrey Weekley, BA**, Marina, CA, was recognized for 15 years of dedicated service and outstanding accomplishments at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, by the University President, VADM Dan Oliver, USN(ret). His research has focused on networked virtual environments; modeling and simulation; and recently, network-enabled, ultra-high quality media for remote collaboration, scientific visualization and feature film post-production.

**'95 Kelly (Stone) Larson, BA**, Saint Paul, MN, was named one of the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal's Women to Watch in May 2012. Kelly is the CFO of Summit Brewing Co.

**'95 William Stratman, BA**, Eldridge, is vice president of project management at Midland Communications in Davenport. He is married with two boys, ages 5 and 8.

**'96 Sha Appenzeller, BM**, El Mirage, AZ, is a baritone in his third season with the Grammy Award-winning Phoenix Chorale. In Feb. 2012, the chorale released the recording, "Northern Lights: Choral Works by Ola Gjeilo," which includes five premiere recordings and three commissioned by or for the Phoenix Chorale, and has reached #4 on the Billboard Traditional Classical chart. Sha has previously sung with Opera Colorado, Opera Theatre of the Rockies, Colorado Springs Symphony, Phoenix Symphony, San Antonio Opera and the San Antonio Symphony.

**'96 Tony Briggs, BA**, Pella, is director of underground solutions at Vermeer Manufacturing. He serves on the UNI Department of Marketing Advisory Board.



## Mauceri moves to NY

After 18 years at UNI, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (CSBS) Dean Philip Mauceri is moving on. He has been appointed provost and vice president of academic affairs at the State University of New York at New Paltz. Mauceri is a native of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Brenda Bass, associate dean of CSBS and a professor of Family Studies, will serve as interim dean for the 2012-13 academic year while a search is launched.

Mauceri began at UNI 18 years ago. He has worked as an assistant professor, associate professor, full professor, department head and ultimately the CSBS dean in 2009.

**'96 Anne (Lies) Britson, BA**, Hudson, is a strategic research specialist for Veridian Credit Union.

**'97 Paul Olson, BA**, Sioux City, has a PhD in sociology from the University of Nebraska (2006). He is an associate professor of sociology and chair of the division of social and behavioral sciences at Briar Cliff University in Sioux City.

**'97 Scott Sernett, BA**, Cedar Falls, is a wealth management adviser at Northwestern Mutual dba Sernett & Associates, Waterloo. He continues to assist Epsilon Theta, UNI's Pi Sigma Epsilon Chapter.

**'97 John Soukup, BA**, Cedar Rapids, recently created paintings and other artwork for Cartoon Network, Lucas Arts and the Topps Company. His art can be seen and collected in more than 15 countries.

**'99 Angela (Johnson) Gloyd, BA**, Brentwood, CA, is in sales for Glaxo Smith Kline, Vaccine Division.



## 2000s

**'00 Stephanie (Roehl) Emmons, BA**, Chicago, IL, is a marketing manager for CraftMaster Manufacturing, Inc.

**'00 Meggan (Daniels) Johnson, BA**, Grand Rapids, MI, is the director of the Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and Environmental Education Center in Lowell, MI, an outdoor learning center situated on 140 acres of woodland, prairie and wetland habitats owned by Lowell Area schools.

**'01 Rollie Fors, BA**, Prairie Village, KS, is senior vice president for Colliers in their Kansas City office. His former company, Grubb & Ellis, was sold to Colliers International.

**'01 Marc Reifenrath, BA**, Parkersburg, is a partner at Spinutech in Cedar Falls. He is a frequent guest speaker to UNI Department of Marketing classes as well as UNIBusiness Professional Readiness Program training sessions.

**'02 John Aronowitz, BA**, Ames, is working for the ISU Foundation fundraising for the College of Engineering.

**'02 Philip Hess, BA**, Manchester, is a sixth grade math and social studies teacher at West Delaware in Manchester.

**'02 Jill (Hathaway) Wheeler, BA**, Van Meter, published a novel for young adults, "SLIDE" on 3/27/2012. It is a murder mystery about a girl who can see through the eyes of a killer.

**'03 Alicia Amling, BA**, Osseo, MN, is a corporate communication specialist for Capella University, in Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN.

**'03 Rick Breuss, BA**, West Des Moines, is president/regional vice president of Iowa Hospice in Des Moines.

**'03 Jennifer Dusanek, BA**, Windsor Heights, is a senior informatics analyst with Pioneer Hi-Bred International in Johnston.

**'03 Melissa (Sampson) Hess, BA**, Manchester, is a kindergarten teacher at Maqoketa Valley in Delhi.

**'03 Sarah Julius, BA**, Minneapolis, MN, is an executive recruiter for Julius & Co., LLC in Minneapolis-St. Paul.

**'03 Marcus Pitts, BA**, Urbandale, was promoted to senior vice president at NIA Ruhl & Ruhl Commercial and was named to the board of directors for the Des Moines and Quad Cities offices. Marcus is the 2010 and 2011 top producer at NIA Ruhl & Ruhl Commercial.

**'04 Carissa Gappa, BA**, Omaha, NE, is a business analyst for Telvent DTN.

**'04 Steven Hanson, BA**, Monona, is a marketing and business development manager for Northwest Iowa Telephone Company in La Crosse, WI.

**'04 Jason Henninger, BA**, Chicago, IL, is a regional account manager for Infinity Consulting Solutions.

**'04 Beau Jorgensen, BA**, Waterloo, is in his eighth year as an agent for Farm Bureau Financial Services.

**'04 Joshua Nuss, BA**, Denver, is celebrating his seventh anniversary of working for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in Cedar Rapids. In 2007, he was promoted to executive director of MDA of Eastern Iowa. Josh was selected as the regional visionary for MDA's "Fill-the-Boot" program in 2011. He is the proud parent of daughters Taylor and Lydia, born 5/1/2008.

**'05 Janda (Campbell) Brittain, BA**, Eden Prairie, MN, completed a Master of Science at Creighton University in negotiation and dispute resolution. She recently accepted a position with Strayer University in St. Louis Park, MN, as business office manager.

**'05 Blake Colwell, BA**, Cedar Falls, is the manager of Bill Colwell Ford in Hudson.

**'05 Steven Ertl, BA**, Fort Collins, CO, is an experienced medical device sales representative for Medtronic Spine & Biologics.

**'05 Cory Henke, BA**, Cedar Rapids, is a territory sales manager for Coloplast.

**'05 Kayleen (Popp) Homewood, BA**, Cedar Falls, is a product specialist at Viking Pump, Inc. She is working on her MBA degree at UNI. She has two children, Jacey and Ella.

**'05 Joshua Whalen, BA**, Colorado Springs, CO, is a sales representative for Stryker Instruments in Denver, CO.

**'06 Valerie (Noll) Huss, BA**, Palatine, IL, was promoted to category development manager for The Hershey Company.

**'06 Ross Reed, BA**, Overland Park, KS, is an account executive with Perceptive Software in Kansas City. He also serves on the UNI Alumni Association Board of Directors.



### Boyd to be Chicago judge

**Carl B. Boyd, B.A. '87**, won the Democratic nomination in March for second sub-circuit judge in Cook County, Ill., and is running unopposed in the November elections.

He is currently a partner in the law firm of Starks & Boyd, P.C. Boyd graduated from UNI with a double major in criminology and sociology. Boyd received his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from Drake Law School, located in Des Moines. He is also chair emeritus of the University of Northern Iowa Alumni Association and serves on the UNI Foundation Board of Trustees.

### Pfohl receives national Anderson Award

**Shellie Y. Pfohl, B.A. '85**, was named the recipient of the William G. Anderson Award by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD). The Anderson Award honors the founder of the alliance through the annual recognition of nationally-known persons who are not members but who have contributed significantly to the professions represented by the alliance and reflect its commitment and mission.

President Barack Obama appointed Pfohl to serve as executive director of the President's Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition (PCFSN) in Feb. 2010. Pfohl is responsible for developing the vision, strategy and goals of the council in consultation with its members, and directing the organization's daily operations. In addition, Pfohl leads the council's efforts to support first lady Michelle Obama's national "Let's Move!" initiative.

Pfohl received her bachelor's degree in community health education from UNI and her master's degree in exercise physiology/fitness leadership from Northern Illinois University. She is a member of the University of Northern Iowa's Hall of Excellence.





# Wellness and Recreation alumni gather in Florida

UNI Wellness and Recreation alumni had the opportunity to reconnect during the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) conference in Tampa, Fla. in March. UNI currently has 35 alumni working in collegiate recreation programs throughout the U.S., and many more working in municipal recreation and military recreation programs throughout the world.

The alumni group gathered at a restaurant in downtown Tampa. "It is so fun to know that in an association of approximately 3,500 people, everyone knows who the UNI Panthers are," said **Christopher Denison, M.A. '94**.

At the conference, Denison was given the Horace Moody Award for outstanding commitment to student development. This national award is named after one of the founders of the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association.

"I am truly honored and humbled by this award," said Denison. "It was great to share the experience with so many of our alumni at the conference. Our profession is filled with great leaders and this award shows the commitment of UNI Wellness and Recreation Services to further develop our students."



## Front Row

Dick Trosthiem, UNI faculty, retired 2012  
 Margie Trosthiem, UNI faculty, retired 2012  
 Ellen Schiltz, B.A. '08, with University of Loyola - Maryland  
 Brandon Den Hartog, B.A. '98, with Ft. Lewis College  
 Kelcie Freeman, B.A. '12, UNI intramural supervisor  
 Mike Mohlis, B.A. '12, UNI intramural supervisor  
 Jared Cox, B.A. '06, with Boise State University

## Middle Row

Christopher Denison, M.A. '94, UNI associate director-facilities

## Cynthia Klatt, UNI intramural coordinator

Darin Leigh, B.A. '05, M.A. '07, with Western Michigan University  
 Jessica Finnerty, B.A. '06, with Wake Forest University  
 Ashley Capone, B.A. '12, UNI intramural supervisor  
 Luke Bartlett, B.A. '01, M.A. '06, with Western Kentucky University

## Back Row

Trent Tange, B.A. '04, M.A. '05, with University of Illinois-Springfield  
 Timothy Klatt, M.A. '83, UNI associate director-programs  
 Erin Erford, B.A. '05, with University of Texas

## Mike Piekenbrock, B.A. '06, with University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Rick McGill, B.A. '11, UNI facilities graduate assistant  
 Brady Randall, B.A. '09, with Drake University  
 Mark Freidline, B.A. '97, with University of Miami-Ohio  
 Tanner Highland, junior, UNI intramural supervisor

## Not Pictured

Tia Van Ostrand-Freiberger, B.A. '02, with Townsen State University  
 Dustin Van Sloten, B.A. '99, with Western Illinois University

**'07 Matthew Bernard, BA**, Omaha, NE, is an account executive at Techniserve in the greater Omaha area.

**'07 Jessi (Kleitsch) Block, BA**, Tripoli, is a marketing specialist for CBE Group in Waterloo.

**'07 Adam Christoffersen, BA**, Forest City, is a district sales manager for Winnebago Industries.

**'07 Lauren (Leavell) Ekland, BA**, Saint Louis, MO, is a retail sales representative for The Hershey Company.

**'07 Sarah (Shonka) Henke, BA**, Overland Park, KS, is an account executive for Medix IT.

**'07 Micah James, BA**, Coralville, is a 2013 MBA candidate at the University of Iowa.

**'07 Tara King, BA**, Overland Park, KS, has been working for Allstate Benefits since fall 2007 and has been promoted to regional sales manager for the state of Kansas. Tara's 2-year-old daughter, Ava Elizabeth, is having fun watching Mom run half-marathons while Tara prepares for her first triathlon in 2012.

**'07 Victoria (Crouse) List, BA**, and Brandon List, BA '07, live in Fairfax, VA. Brandon is a deputy U.S. Marshal in Washington, D.C. Victoria works at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) headquarters, also located in Washington, D.C.

**'07 Jeremy Musil, BA**, Ankeny, is a service sales representative for KONE Elevator in Des Moines.

**'07 Dustin O'Leary, BA**, Scottsdale, AZ, is a marketing campaign specialist for Direct Alliance in Phoenix, AZ.

**'07 Aubrey Seltrecht, BA**, Urbandale, is a business development manager for Modis in Des Moines.

**'07 Troy Vogel, BA**, Des Moines, is a development officer for Iowa Public Radio. In Oct. 2011, he spoke to 300 freshmen business majors about careers in marketing as part of the UNIBusiness Professional Readiness Program.

**'07 Mark Wagenaar, MA**, Lamoni, received the 2012 Felix Pollak Prize in Poetry for his debut collection, "Voodoo Inverso," published 3/26/2012.

**'08 Danielle Dilger, BA**, Reinbeck, is a territory sales representative with Forest Pharmaceuticals in St. Louis.

**'08 Elizabeth Hackbarth, BA**, Minneapolis, MN, is in community relations for the American Cancer Society.

**'08 Michael Kasperbauer, BA**, Carroll, is the owner of Kasperbauer Cleaners, Inc. He and wife Ashley are expecting their first child in July 2012.

**'08 Matt Sieren, BA**, West Des Moines, is the administrative services manager for Iowa Public Radio in Des Moines. He is proud of helping the station purchase two frequencies in the Des Moines area as part of the expansion of IPR's Classical Network.

**'08 Chad Stubbs, BA**, Fort Collins, CO, is the marketing director/business manager for Space Dog Books, Inc., in Fort Collins, CO.

**'08 Curt VanOrder, BA**, Hiawatha, is an account manager with Aerotek Professional Services in Cedar Rapids-Iowa City.

**'09 Jacob Brunscheon, BA**, Charles City, is the internal operations manager for Verizon Wireless Premium Retailer & Shock City Cellular in Waterloo.

**'09 Zach Everman, BA**, Cedar Falls, is an editor/producer for OnMedia and received a Gold ADDY for his commercial for 18th Street Vintage, "Memory Lane," at the 2012 American Advertising Federation-Cedar Valley ADDY awards, advancing to district competition in Kansas City. He also received a Silver ADDY for his commercial for the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra, "Holiday Concert."

**'09 Stacy Lorenz, BA**, Ankeny, is a client development coordinator with BNIM Architects in Kansas City.

**'09 Michael McAnally, BA**, Bettendorf, is an advertising specialist for Resolution Media. He is co-author with Dr. Mike Klassen, UNI marketing professor, on their book "Ad'Mat: Using the 25 Classic Advertising Formats."

**'09 Alexandria (Edelman) Merk, BA**, Ames, is a project coordinator at Signify Apparel & Merchandise. In Oct. 2011, she spoke to 300 freshmen business majors about careers in marketing as part of the UNIBusiness Professional Readiness Program.

**'09 Jared Schmit, BA**, Jesup, was recently promoted to mortgage loan officer for Farmers State Bank, covering the bank branches at Jesup, Gilbertville, Dunkerton and Raymond.

**'09 Blaire Thorson, BA**, Cedar Rapids, is a product specialist & marketing specialist for HyVee, Cedar Rapids.



## 2010s

**'10 Courtney Althoff, BA**, Minneapolis, MN, started a new job working for Cuneo Advertising as their search engine marketing specialist.

**'10 Andy Becker, BS**, Cedar Rapids, is a superintendent at HIGH Companies.

**'10 Laura Bohlke, BA**, Windsor Heights, is a leadership development associate at Garner Printing in Des Moines.

**'10 Pernell Cezar, BA**, Minneapolis, MN, is a senior business analyst for Target Corporate.

**'10 Collin Forst, BA**, Cedar Rapids, is a risk management consultant with Holmes Murphy & Associates.

**'10 Gregory Haines, BA**, Tiffin, OH, graduated 5/4/2012 with his Master of Arts in college student personnel from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, OH.

**'10 Luke Hillyer, BA**, Cedar Falls, is an account executive with Ricoh/iKON Office Solutions.

**'10 Drew Kahler, BA**, Cedar Falls, is the manager/business representative/external affairs at K-Rizon-Shock City Cellular in Waterloo and owner of Millennial Marketing and Management.

**'10 Chris Le Valley, BA**, Cedar Falls, is an editor/producer with ME & V and received a Gold ADDY for his video "Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Camp" at the 2012 American Advertising Federation-Cedar Valley ADDY awards.

**'10 Justin Noethe, BA**, Urbandale, is a sales representative with Goetze Dental in Des Moines.

**'10 Emily Prinsen, BA**, Kansas City, MO, is associate account manager for Lockton Companies in Kansas City.

**'10 Ben White, BA**, Clive, began working for West Bank in Dec. 2010 as a teller and is now a full-time coin vault teller. He also works part time for Hy-Vee as a cashier and cash accountability manager.

**'10 Garrett Wirtz, BA**, Des Moines, is a marketing representative for Federated Insurance in Des Moines.

**'11 Jacqueline Colvin, BA**, Waterloo, has been a marketing coordinator/graphic designer at the Grout Museum District since May 2011.

**'11 Megan Horn, BA**, Hudson, is a social media strategist/junior copywriter with ME&V Advertising & Consulting in Cedar Falls.

**'11 Evan Hutcheson, BA**, Hudson, is an editor/producer for OnMedia and received a Silver ADDY for his commercial for University Book and Supply, "Lost in the Amazon," at the 2012 American Advertising Federation-Cedar Valley ADDY awards.

**'11 Luke Steimel, BA**, West Des Moines, is an investment operations specialist with Principal Global Investors.

## Marriages

**'05 Cory Henke, BA**, married **Sarah (Shonka) Henke, BA '07**, on 2/4/2012.

## Births

**'90 Heidi (Chelesvig) Hudson, BA**, Bakersfield, CA, son Jake Taylor born 5/18/2011.

**'95 Britt (Moffatt) Boerigter, BA**, and Doug Boerigter, Bellflower, CA, daughter Abigail Noreen born 9/8/2011.

**'96 Ann (Menzner) Kiesling, BA**, and Matthew Kiesling, Marion, daughter Madeleine Aileen born 12/26/2011.

**'99 Angela (Johnson) Gloyd, BA**, and Matthew Gloyd, Brentwood, CA, son Colton Michael born 1/20/2012 joins daughter Madilyn Jean born 6/1/2010.

**'00 Meggan (Daniels) Johnson, BA**, and Gary Johnson, Grand Rapids, MI, daughter Linden born 11/1/2011 joins son Leeland born 9/2010.

☀️ **'01 Emily (Pedersen) McGregor, BA**, and **Stephen McGregor, BA '01**, Hillsborough, NC, son Maddock James born 5/28/2011.

**'02 Philip Hess, BA**, and **Melissa (Sampson) Hess, BA '03**, Manchester, son Ian Victor born 2/29/2012 joins sister Joslyn Jeanette.

☀️ **'02 Alaina (Shoopman) Small, BA**, and **Adam Small, BA '02**, Urbandale, son Landon George born 10/5/2011 joins sibling Noah Eugene born in 2008.

**'04 Andrew Freeman, BA**, and Amanda Freeman, Mount Prospect, IL, daughter Emilia Jean born 4/2/2012.

**'04 Beau Jorgensen, BA**, and **Ashley (Henrichs) Jorgensen, BA '07, MA '10**, Waterloo, son Cruz born 10/1/2011.

**'07 Stephanie (Johnson) Dowden, BA, MACC '08**, and Patrick Dowden, Council Bluffs, son Connor James born 2/27/2012.

**'07 Lauren (Leavell) Ekland, BA**, and Thomas Ekland, Saint Louis, MO, daughter Elle born 11/1/2011.

**'08 Geoffrey Juza, BA, MACC '09**, and **Molly (Steffen) Juza, BA '10**, Waterloo, son Daniel Steffen born 2/26/2012.

**'11 Kassie (Nelson) McChurch, BA**, and **Kendle McChurch, BA '11**, Clinton, welcomed their first child this year.

## Deaths

**'33 Glenn Boysen, BA**, died 3/4/2012 in Cedar Rapids.

**'35 Minnie (Berg) Betle, 2-yr Cert.**, died 2/10/2012 in Maquoketa.

**'41 Betty Burley, BA**, died 3/15/2012 in Mason City.

**'41 Dorothy (McLeod) Tubbs, 2-yr Cert.**, died 3/2/2011 in Salinas, CA.

**'42 August Ebel, BA**, died 3/24/2010 in Springfield, VA.

**'43 Ethel (Ebel) Scott, BA**, died 11/22/2010 in Waterloo.

**'50 Jean (Ray) Laury, BA**, died 3/2/2011 in Fresno, CA.

**'51 Loran Mohr, BA**, died 9/17/2011 in Ames.

**'60 Benedict Thoma, MA**, died 10/10/2011 in Wilmar, MN.

**'69 William Werning, BA**, died 8/7/2011 in Vienna.

**'77 Dorothy (Stuve) Fennen, BA**, died 10/28/2011 in Omaha, NE.

**'81 Lynn (Piper) Fortun, BA, MA '81**, died 3/1/2012 in Viroqua, WI.

**'98 Carl Burrell, BT**, died 12/6/2011 in Toronto, ON.

## Wiedow elected president-elect of American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance

**Gale Wiedow, B.A. '71, M.A. '74, Ph.D.**, has been elected president-elect of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD). The group's mission is to promote leadership, research, education and best practices in the professions that support healthy and active lifestyles such as physical education, recreation, fitness, sport and coaching, dance, health education and health promotion.

"I am honored and humbled to accept the position of AAHPERD President-Elect," said Wiedow. "Aside from serving as a national advocate for the importance of quality physical education, I look forward and take pride in the opportunity to promote AAHPERD's current initiative, Let's Move in School, which focuses specifically on our youth and ensuring every school across the country incorporates a comprehensive physical activity program before, during and after school with the help of school, parent and community involvement."



A life member since he joined AAHPERD in 1974 while a student at the University of Northern Iowa, he has served the organization in a variety of elected and appointed positions at the state, district and national levels. Wiedow completed both his undergraduate and Master of Arts degrees at the University of Northern Iowa, both in physical education. He is currently an associate professor of physical education and exercise science at Dakota State University in Madison, SD.



# Upcoming Events

## July

- 27 UNI Day on RAGBRAI  
Mt. Vernon

## August

- 2 Ravinia Festival Concert & Reception  
Highland Park, IL
- 9-19 Iowa State Fair  
Des Moines
- 16 TC's Tailgate  
Des Moines

## September

- 1 Pre-Game Social at Wisconsin Game  
Madison, WI
- 5 Campus Alumni Employee Social  
UNI
- 6 Panther Village Dedication  
UNI
- 8 Heritage Honours Alumni Awards  
UNI
- 8 Breakfast with TC  
UNI
- 11 Twin Cities Accounting Alumni Event  
Minneapolis, MN
- 29 Family Weekend  
UNI

## October

- 19 Alumni Board Meeting  
UNI
- 20 Homecoming  
UNI

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Caribbean Discovery - Feb. 12-22, 2013

Antebellum South - March 14-24, 2013

European Tapestry - June 12-20, 2013

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